

Divison 1. Generally

Sec. 24-56. Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates otherwise:

Commercial solid waste means all types of solid waste generated by stores, offices, restaurants, warehouses, and other non-manufacturing activities, excluding residential and industrial waste.

Composting means the controlled biological decomposition of organic matter into a stable odor-free humus.

Container means any container which has been approved and provided by either the city or the city's contractor for the use of services provided under this Chapter.

Garbage means the word as commonly used and shall include animal and vegetable waste resulting from the handling, preparation, cooking, and residue of food and like matter, and other items normally placed in inside household waste containers.

Leachate collection system means a system at a landfill for collection of the leachate which may percolate through the waste and into the soils surrounding the landfill.

Municipal solid waste means any waste derived from households including garbage, trash, and sanitary waste in septic tanks and includes solid waste from single-family and multi-family residences, hotels, motels, bunkhouses, campgrounds, picnic grounds, and day-use recreation areas. The term includes yard trimmings and commercial solid waste but does not include solid waste from mining, agriculture or silviculture operations, or industrial processes or operations.

Municipal solid waste disposal facility means any facility or location where the final deposition of any amount of municipal solid waste occurs, whether or not mixed with or including commercial or industrial solid waste, including but not limited to municipal solid waste landfills.

Municipal solid waste landfills means a disposal facility where any amount of municipal solid waste, whether or not mixed with or including commercial waste, industrial waste, nonhazardous sludges, or small quantity generator hazardous waste, is disposed of by means of placing an approved cover thereon.

Trash means items resulting from the normal and necessary activities of residential houses and yards, such as clothing, toys, furniture, magazines, newspapers, cardboard boxes, and other like matter that would be disposed of on an average day.

Yard trimmings means leaves, brush, grass clippings, shrub and tree prunings, discarded Christmas trees, nursery and greenhouse vegetative residuals, and vegetative matter resulting from landscaping development and maintenance, other than mining, agricultural, and silvicultural operations.

Sec. 24-57. City to be exclusive collector; use of service required.

- (a) The following regulations governing storage, collection, and disposal of refuse produced or otherwise created within the city are hereby established.
- (b) Waste collection services shall be provided for by the city either on its own, or through an independent contractor operating under a formal contract with the city.
- (c) All residents of the city shall participate in garbage collection by using the city's contractor. All residents shall pay the monthly fee charged by the city for this service.

Sec. 24-58. Private collection and disposal regulated.

No person except duly authorized employees of the department of public works or their authorized representatives shall empty garbage, trash, and yard trimmings containers and receptacles, or collect, convey or transfer garbage, trash, yard trimmings, or other refuse through the streets, alleys, or public thoroughfares of the city without a written permit granted and issued by the city clerk.

Sec. 24-59. Refuse service not available outside the city.

The city shall not furnish garbage, trash, or yard trimmings collection services outside the city limits, except as provided by law.

Sec. 24-60. Owner and operator of premises to maintain container site.

The owner and/or person in charge of the premises for which a container is permitted, shall, at all times, maintain the premises in a high state of police, free and clear of litter, debris, and trash.

Sec. 24-61. Approved containers.

- (a) All customers shall use only those containers issued by the city or the city's contractor pursuant to this article, designed to be rolled to curbside for periodic collection. All containers shall remain the property of the city or the city's contractor. Containers shall be used exclusively for the storage and transport of solid waste to the curbside.
- (b) If necessary, extra containers may be obtained for an additional monthly fee.
- (c) If this section is not complied with, the department of public works and the city's contractor may choose to not collect garbage from the customer.

Sec. 24-62. Refuse not acceptable for collection.

The following items shall not be collected by the city or the city's contractor:

- (a) Animal remains, individuals in possession of such should contact 911 emergency services for direction regarding disposal;
- (b) Ashes of any sort;
- (c) Automotive parts, including but not limited to the following: car hoods, fenders, grills, tires, axles, motors, transmissions, or car frames;
- (d) Carpet;
- (e) Construction or demolition materials, including but not limited to the following: bricks, concrete blocks, wooden boxes, lumber, roofing, sheetrock, or masonite;
- (f) Dangerous materials or substances, including but not limited to the following: poisons, acids, caustics, infectious materials, explosives, paint, solvents, and petroleum products;
- (g) Dirt or plant roots containing soil;
- (h) Discarded hair from barber shops, beauty salons, pet grooming salons, etc., unless such discarded hair is stored in compliance with section 24-66(d);
- (i) Furniture;
- (j) Hazardous waste, including but not limited to, material which may be toxic, easily flammable, explosive, reactive, or having toxic characteristics which could threaten public health, property, or the environment;
- (k) Hypodermic needles, unless such needles are stored in compliance with section 24-66(d);
- (l) Leaves, limbs, or other trash placed on vacant lots, whether by property owner or violator;
- (m) Limbs cut and placed near the street for collection by any person other than the resident of the property, unless such individual complies with section 24-73;

Sec. 24-63. Refuse not acceptable for placement in approved containers.

- (a) The following items shall be in addition to the items listed in Sec. 24-62 and not be disposed of in approved containers, i.e. dumpsters, roll-off carts, etc., nor will containers be emptied by the department of public works or the city's contractor until such items are removed:
 - 1) Ashes and/or burned material;
 - 2) Bed springs;
 - 3) Household appliances;
 - 4) Liquids, wet garbage, food scraps, etc., of any type that are not in closed or sealed containers;
 - 5) Logs or limbs;
 - 6) Rock, dirt, or concrete blocks;
 - 7) Wooden crates;
 - 8) Yard debris, including grass clippings when mixed with other refuse.
- (b) For an additional fee, a container will be provided for disposal of any such material listed above that can be placed in the county landfill.

Sec. 24-64. Medical disability waiver.

- (a) Households in which all regular residents are mobility-impaired may apply for assisted-collection service. Disability forms, provided by the department of public works, must be completed by each resident and that resident's physician and returned to the department of public works..
- (b) Upon waiver, the personnel of the city's contractor shall enter upon the customer's property to collect their solid waste from the container on the scheduled day. Such container must be visible to collection personnel from the road and not require personnel to enter a fenced area. Refuse must be placed for collection by 7:30 a.m. only on the residences designated collection day.

Sec. 24-65. Collection and disposal of garbage.

- (a) *Frequency of service.* Garbage shall normally be collected once per-week, with the exception of holiday weeks. The schedule for garbage pickup will be available through the department of public works. Equipment failure or other unforeseeable circumstances may alter the garbage schedule on occasions.
- (b) *Placement.* On the customer's designated day for collection, customers shall place their containers at the curbside in front of their residence, specifically on the address side of the street. All containers shall be placed approximately two to four feet from the edge of the roadway. All containers shall not be located in public rights-of-way and shall be located so as to not interfere, block, obstruct, or impede the normal use of any sidewalk, street, alley, driveway, or fire lane, or to block, obstruct, or impede sight distance at street, road, or alley intersections.
- (c) *Container requirements.* All garbage must be placed in the customer's container. Garbage shall be physically separated from trash and yard trimmings. All loose debris must be placed in a sealed disposable container. Containers shall not contain the items listed in Sec. 24-62 and 24-63.
- (d) *Compliance required.* Unless this section is complied with, the city's contractor and the department of public works may choose to not collect the garbage.

Sec. 24-66. Collection and disposal of trash.

- (a) *Frequency of service.* Trash shall not be collected more than one (1) load at any one (1) location per week. A "load" is defined as one (1) five by ten foot pile (5' x 10').
- (b) *Placement.* On the customer's designated day for collection, customers shall place all trash in a distinct pile between the curb and sidewalk. Where there is no sidewalk, trash may be placed on the property near the street. All trash piles shall be located so as to not interfere, block, obstruct, or impede the normal use of any sidewalk, street, alley, driveway, or fire lane, or to block, obstruct, or impede sight distance at street, road, or alley intersections. City-owned and contractor-owned vehicles shall not enter upon private property to collect trash, and personnel are forbidden to enter upon private property to collect trash which is placed more than five (5) feet behind the street right-of-way.
- (c) *Container requirements.*
 - (1) Trash must be placed in a disposable container as the personnel will dispose of the container along with its contents.
 - (2) Trash shall not be placed in the containers.
 - (3) Cardboard boxes shall be collapsed and bundled in a separate pile when not used as a disposable container for other trash.
 - (4) Trash piles shall be separated from yard trimmings piles.
 - (5) Trash piles shall not contain the items listed in Sec. 24-62 and 24-63.
 - (6) All loose debris must be placed in a sealed disposable container.
- (d) *Compliance required.* Unless this section is complied with, the city's contractor and the department of public works may choose to not collect the trash.

Sec. 24-67. Collection and disposal of yard trimmings.

- (a) *Frequency of service.* Yard trimmings shall be collected twice per month with no more than one (1) load at any one (1) location. A "load" is defined as one (1) five by ten foot pile (5' x 10').
- (b) *Placement.*

- (1) On the customer's designated day for collection, customers shall place all yard trimmings in a distinct pile between the curb and sidewalk. Where there is no sidewalk, yard trimmings may be placed on the property near the street. All yard trimmings piles shall be located so as to not interfere, block, obstruct, or impede the normal use of any sidewalk, street, alley, driveway, or fire lane, or to block, obstruct, or impede sight distance at street, road, or alley intersections.
 - (2) City-owned and contractor-owned vehicles shall not enter upon private property to collect yard trimmings, and personnel are forbidden to enter upon private property to collect yard trimmings which has been placed more than five (5) feet behind the street right-of-way.
 - (3) Yard trimmings shall not be disposed at any municipal solid waste disposal facility having a liner and leachate collection system or requiring vertical expansion located within Warner Robins.
 - (4) The resident of property on which trees over six (6) inches in diameter are cut down, whether by the resident or by another, is required to promptly, within seven (7) days following the cutting, remove or have removed from the property at his own expense, all the limbs, logs, trunks, and tops, or other debris resulting therefrom except for wood retained for firewood.
- (c) *Container requirements.*
- (1) Yard trimmings piles shall be separated from trash piles and garbage.
 - (2) Trash piles shall not contain the items listed in Sec. 24-62 and 24-63.
 - (3) Limbs and logs up to twelve (12) inches in diameter shall not be over six (6) feet in length. Limbs and logs twelve (12) inches in diameter up to twenty-eight (28) inches in diameter shall not be over two (2) feet in length.
 - (4) All loose debris must be placed in a sealed disposable container.
- (d) *Compliance required.* Unless this section is complied with, the city's contractor and the public works department may not collect the yard trimmings.

Sec. 24-68. Collection and disposal of industrial waste.

The collection of wastes resulting from manufacturing, assembling, processing, and other industrial operations, waste oils, and other similar materials from garages and filling stations, and accumulations from packing houses, killing and dressing establishments for poultry, and wholesale fruit and vegetable houses shall not be included in the services provided by the department of public works. Such premises or places shall dispose of same at its own expense in the manner and method directed by the county landfill superintendent or Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Environmental Protection Division.

Sec. 24-69. Windblown refuse.

It shall be unlawful to cause, or permit to accumulate, any dust, ashes, trash, or refuse of such material capable of being blown away by the wind anywhere in the city, other than yard trimmings, leaves, and grass, except in a covered container.

Sec. 24-70. Collection and disposal of medical waste.

Hospitals and health care professionals or other entities disposing of medical waste including, but not limited to, any device used to puncture or lacerate skin, shall be disposed of in a manner consistent with federal and state regulations.

Sec. 24-71. Construction site waste.

- (a) The property owner and/or the prime contractor in charge of a construction site shall furnish litter containers for construction and workmen litter. All litter from construction activities or any related

activities shall be containerized or placed in a roll-off container, and all litter will be picked up and placed in containers by workers at the end of each workday.

- (b) Rocks, waste building materials, or other refuse resulting from building or remodeling operations or resulting from a general clean-up of vacant or improved property just prior to its occupancy will not be collected by the department of public works or the city's contractor.
- (c) All such above litter and waste shall be removed by the building contractor, owner, or occupant of the building at his own expense.

Sec. 24-72. Owner to pay clean-up costs; trapped litter.

- (a) The owner, occupant, or lessee of all property is required to remove all litter and place the same in a proper container for collection. Vacant lots, borders, parking lots, embankments, fences, walls, and sidewalks are to be kept free of litter. Parking lots, shopping centers, convenience stores, drive-in restaurants, and all commercial and industrial enterprises will ensure that no litter remains on their property.
- (b) As provided in [section 16-31](#), the city may remove litter from property and assess the cost therefore against the property owner.

Sec. 24-73. Tree service permits; disposal of cutting; fees.

All holders of tree services licenses or any person engaging in the cutting of trees for a fee paid by the owner or resident of property shall first be required to notify the department of public works giving the location and date of the cutting proposed to be done, as well as the estimated amount of debris which will result. The department of public works will not be responsible for collection of debris except upon request, and payment of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per load, plus disposal charges where applicable.

Sec. 24-74. Installation of compactors.

- (a) The director of public works of the city will review and approve all plans and specifications for the installation of compactor units to be used in connection with containers to this chapter. Such compactors will be approved by the director of public works prior to installation being made. All compactors shredders and compactor containers shall be installed on class A, three thousand-pound-per-square-inch concrete pads of not less than six-inch thickness. All such installations shall comply with the requirements of the building code of the city, the fire prevention code, and other safety laws and ordinances of the mayor and council. The director of public works is further authorized to adopt regulations as may be necessary with reference to such matters.
- (b) Apartment complexes over one hundred (100) units will be required to utilize compactor units for garbage and trash disposal.
- (c) Approved compactors will be provided by owner at owner's expense.
- (d) Compactors will be serviced by the city's authorized representative.

Sec. 24-75. Fees for handling refuse, garbage; billing.

- (a) The following fees shall be charged for the collection and disposal of garbage from any residential property and concern only garbage collection service. These fees will not be waived or adjusted under any circumstances unless authorized by the mayor and council.
 - (1) Each individual residence, per month: \$16.50
 - (2) Residential extra cart: \$10.30

- (3) Multiple housing rates, per month: Per manufactured home location: \$15.98

Per apartment unit: \$15.98

Manufactured home parks and apartment complexes which are served by a master water meter will be billed at the rate of eighty (80) percent of the total location spaces and/or apartment units available.

- (3) Compactor charges:

Monthly rental fee for all compactors provided by the city:

30 yard	\$780.00
40 yard	\$930.00
Per pull	\$192.00

Landfill fee equal to the tipping × one hundred twenty (120) percent for Houston County Landfill (currently twenty-four dollars and sixty cents (\$24.60) per ton)

- (b) Trash or refuse defined as unacceptable in [section 24-62](#) and [section 24-63](#), except section 24-62 subsections (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (h), and (j) will be collected by the city upon request and upon payment of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) per load, plus any applicable disposal charges.
- (c) The following monthly fees shall be charged for the collection and disposal of garbage from any commercial properties. These fees will not be waived or adjusted under any circumstances unless authorized by mayor and council:
- (1) *Dumpsters*. Dumpsters may be used individually or shared with an adjacent business. There will be a maximum of two (2) customers sharing a dumpster and a minimum of two (2) collections weekly for shared dumpsters. For shared dumpsters, the fee for the requested amount of service will be equally divided between the two (2) sharing customers, with the charge for one (1) collection being a minimum charge per customer. Exceptions will be made regarding number sharing only upon approval by director of public works.

2-yd. Dumpster

Pickups Per Week	1 Dumpster	2 Dumpsters
1	\$35.07	N/A

4-yd. Dumpster

Pickups Per Week	1 Dumpster	2 Dumpsters
1	\$70.14	N/A

6-yd. Dumpsters

Pickups Per Week	1 Dumpster	2 Dumpsters
1	\$109.12	N/A
2	\$218.23	N/A
3	\$327.35	N/A
4	\$436.46	\$872.93
5	\$545.59	\$1,091.17
6	\$654.70	\$1,309.39

8-yd. Dumpsters

Pickups Per Week	1 Dumpster	2 Dumpsters
1	\$145.49	N/A
2	\$290.98	N/A
3	\$436.46	N/A
4	\$581.95	\$1,163.90
5	\$727.44	\$1,454.88
6	\$872.93	\$1,745.86

6-yd. Verti-pak—30 yard

Pickups Per Week	1 Dumpster
1	\$545.59
2	\$1,091.17
3	\$1,636.72
4	\$2,182.34
5	\$2,727.93
6	\$3,273.51

8-yd. Verti-pak—40 yard

Pickups Per Week	1 Dumpster
1	\$727.44
2	\$1,454.88
3	\$2,182.32
4	\$2,909.76
5	\$3,637.20
6	\$4,364.64

Shredder

Shredder Size	2 Pickups Per Week	3 Pickups Per Week
4 Yard	N/A	\$154.15
6 yard	\$308.28	N/A

All dumpsters, verti-paks, and shredder rates shall be based on a rate of four dollars and twenty cents (\$4.20) per cubic yard.

- (2) *Automated collection carts.* Customers not requiring dumpsters may choose from the following sizes of automated collection carts. Automated carts may not be shared. The monthly fee for a 90 gallon collection cart with twice per week service shall be twenty-eight dollars and thirty cents (\$28.30).
 - (3) *Compactors.* The fee for compactors shall be one hundred ninety-seven dollars and seventy-six cents (\$197.76) per haul per business establishment plus landfill charges.
 - (4) Customers requesting extra service to dumpsters will be billed at the rate of fifty-four dollars (\$54.00) per extra pick up.
 - (5) These fees include only service for refuse containers. Any extra commercially generated trash (or yard trimmings) will be collected upon request and payment of fifty-four dollars (\$54.00) per load for acceptable debris or one hundred fifty-four dollars (\$154.00) per load, plus landfill charges, for unacceptable debris.
- (d) The use of containers for the collection and disposal of garbage, trash, construction waste or any other use within the corporate limits of the city shall be accomplished only through the department of public works. The following fees shall be charged for the use of such containers:

Delivery fee	\$60.00
Per day rental fee	\$3.00
Per month rental fee	\$90.00
Per pull fee	\$159.00
Per ton tipping fee	\$27.00
Blocked container fee	\$55.00

- (e) Bills for garbage service shall be rendered along with the bills for utility service as set out in [section 24-7](#) of this Code.
- (f) If any fee payable under this chapter is not paid by the due date as shown on the bill submitted to customers, a penalty of ten (10) percent of the amount due shall be added and collected.
- (g) If any fee payable under this chapter shall remain unpaid for fifteen (15) days after the due date, all the customer's utility service shall be terminated until such payment is made.

Sec. 24-76. Penalty.

Any person violating, failing, refusing, or neglecting to comply with any provision or requirement of this article shall, upon conviction, be punished as provided in Section 1-7.

DIVISION 2. AUTOMATED REFUSE CARTS

Sec. 24-77. Issuance, responsibility for, maintenance, etc.

- (a) Initially, an automated refuse cart shall be issued to each occupied residence on each automated route at no charge. The cart is the property of the city's contractor and shall not be removed from the address if the resident should move. A cart identification number will be assigned to the resident's utility account.
- (b) The cart shall only be removed from the property by duly authorized personnel of the sanitation department or the city's contractor.
- (c) If the cart is stolen, the resident shall report the theft to the Warner Robins police department and the city's contractor. The automated cart identification number shall be included in any such report. After receipt of the police report, the sanitation department will replace the automated cart at minimal charge to the resident.
- (d) Upon notification by the resident that repairs to their automated cart are needed, the contractor shall repair the cart so as to place it in good working condition.
- (e) Ninety-gallon carts will generally be issued to each private residence; however, upon request and availability, sixty-gallon carts may be substituted.
- (f) If one (1) automated cart is not sufficient for the amount of refuse generated weekly, additional cart(s) may be requested from the department of public works. The resident's monthly billing amount will be determined by multiplying the current basic sanitation fee by the number of carts issued to each address.

Sec. 24-78. Placement for collection; frequency of collection.

- (a) Automated refuse carts shall be placed immediately adjacent to the street for collection only on designated collection days.
- (b) Carts shall be placed at the proper location for collection by 7:00 a.m. on designated collection days and shall be removed from the street by 7:00 p.m. of the same day. After one (1) written notice is issued to remove a cart from the street, a fine of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) will be imposed for any subsequent violations of this requirement.

- (c) Carts shall not be placed within four (4) feet of any obstacles, i.e., mailboxes, trash, cars in driveway, etc.
- (d) Carts shall be placed no more than three (3) feet away from the street for collection.
- (e) Carts shall be placed with the identification number facing the street.
- (f) Cars parked on the street must be least fifty (50) feet away from the cart.
- (g) Carts shall normally be served once weekly. Normal collection days will be Monday through Friday, according to route schedule for address. Equipment failure or other unforeseeable circumstances could alter schedule on occasions.
- (h) Unless this section is complied with, the city's contractor may not provide service for automated cart.

Sec. 24-79. Acceptable refuse.

- (a) The following refuse is acceptable for disposal in automated refuse carts:
 - (1) Household garbage defined as acceptable in [section 24-56](#) of this Code.
 - (2) Trash defined as acceptable in [section 24-56](#) of this Code; provided, however, that trash fits inside the cart without hindering the free flow of refuse from the cart when it is emptied.
- (b) An automated cart shall not be over-filled so that lid does not close properly.

Sec. 24-80. Unacceptable refuse.

- (a) The following items are unacceptable for disposal in automated refuse carts: Any item(s) defined as unacceptable in section 24-62 and section 24-63 of this Code.
- (b) A fine of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) shall be imposed on any person found to be guilty of this section in the municipal court.
- (c) A cart containing unacceptable refuse shall not be emptied until such time the item(s) is (are) removed from the cart.

Sec. 24-81. Handicapped, disabled customers.

- (a) Households in which all regular residents are mobility-impaired may apply for assisted-collection service. Disability forms, provided by the department of public works, must be completed by each resident and that resident's physician and returned to the department of public works.
- (b) If the above requirements are not met, an automated refuse cart will be delivered to the residence and the residence will only receive automated cart collection service.
- (c) If the above requirements are met, the city's contractor's personnel will provide special service to those residences provided, however, that such residents place their household refuse so as to be visible to collection personnel from the road and so as to not require personnel to enter a fenced area. Additionally, the refuse must be contained in closed, durable plastic bags. Refuse must be placed for collection by 7:30 a.m. only on designated collection days.